

Literary Notes.

CHRISTIAN TEACHING AND LIFE, By Alvah Hovey, D. D., LL. D. 12 mo. 286 pp. Price \$1.25. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street.

The first principal features of this small volume is, that the passages cited from the New Testament are in the language of the Improved version, instead of being quoted in the language of the Common version. This naturally makes it clearer and more brief.

The second feature of the book is, the general use of common terms, instead of theological terms, in giving an account of the teaching and work of Jesus Christ and of his apostles. The volume is clear from all technical words, except such as are borrowed from the Bible itself, and such as are necessary to reproduce the truth which once fell from the lips of the Great Teacher, and further developed by his apostles in the language of our day. The book is written in such language as will be best understood by the old as well as the young, and ought to make a deep impression on the minds and hearts of all who read it. The volume is divided into five parts as follows: 1. Teaching of Jesus Christ. 2. Development of Christian Teaching by the Apostles. 3. Formation and use of creeds. 4. Relation of Christian Teaching to Life. 5. Application of Christian Teaching to Life. 6. Improvement in Christian Teaching.

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE, BIBLE LECTURES, by George C. Needham. 12 mo. 262 pp. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street.

The Author of the volume was born under the British flag, not far from the noted Lakes of Killarney in the southern part of Ireland. When he was but nineteen years of age he entered business in Dublin, which position he relinquished and went forth as an Evangelist. On account of his successful work in Ireland he was called to England where he came in contact with that great preacher, Mr. Spurgeon. And a volume written by one whose success has been so great, both in Great Britain and America, cannot help but be of great interest and a great help to those who study it.

A late critic has tersely remarked: "Mr. Needham emphasizes, elucidates, preaches the Word." The same truths have been stated wherever he has been, and there is no doubt that it reveals the secret of his great success.

The Addresses published in this volume were delivered at the Niagara and North-

field Conferences for Bible study. The principal object of these Bible Lectures is the deepening and quickening of Spiritual Life in the hearts of God's children. The careful study of these Lectures will cause every one to love, reverence, and study the blessed Word of Life.

FOR THINKERS.

Everybody thinks, but with a vast difference. Disciplined, original, creative thought in the realm of the higher life is a blessing for which the intelligent, progressive Christian is at all times grateful. Such a feast is spread in a book recently published by Fleming H. Revell Co., New York city, entitled "The Angel and the vision." The Introduction is worth the price of the book, which is \$1.00. It goes to the bottom of the Divine Dispensations, and reveals a principle that is shaping events in Christendom and the world at large in spite of creeds and schisms. The real Progressives will intensely enjoy it.

C. H. BALSEAUGH.

Matrimonial.

RAUCH—NUNN.—At my residence, on Jan. 8, 1896, brother Samuel J. Rauch and Miss Ella Nunn. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the friends and relatives of the groom, after which the nuptial feast was enjoyed at the home of the groom. May the Lord bless them.

HENRY MURR.

Our Dead.

MANGUS.—David Mangus died Jan. 7, 1896. He had been a resident of Johnstown for many years and was well known as an employee of the Cambria Iron Co. About one year ago he was taken sick and eventually his disease proved to be consumption and of that he died; after weeks of suffering. His old mother, sister Ann Mangus aged 84 years, and one son and daughter mourn his loss. His remains were interred in Sandy Vale cemetery.

E. E. HASKINS.

BURKHART.—Blanche, youngest child of brother and sister D. S. Burkhardt of Mareville, Pa. She was a beautiful child, nearly 2 years of age, and was sick but a short time, and died of membranous croup, Jan 11. Funeral services conducted by writer, in the German Baptist church on Benshoof's Hill and the interment was made at the cemetery near the church. So the buds are plucked as well as the full blown flower.

E. E. HASKINS.

Items of Interest.

—The New York World has a daily circulation of 581,937.

—The largest apple orchard in the world is located at Fairmount Kansas. It covers 1,537 acres.

—The boundary dispute between Chili and Argentine is so acute that Chili has ordered an army to the passes of the Cordilleras.

—It is said that the Turks have captured the city of Zeitoun, and that during the fight 2,500 Armenians and 250 Turks were killed.

—The pear crop in Georgia last year was the largest on record. It has been estimated by those in a position to know that it will exceed 300,000 barrels.

—In 1704 The Boston News Letter was the only newspaper in America. There are at present 2,050 dailies and 14,685 weeklies printed in the United States.

—The population of Oregon, according to the census just completed by the county assessors, is 364,762, an increase of about 13 per cent over the government census of 1890.

—The new star discovered in the constellation Centaurus was found by Mrs. Fleming, of the Harvard Observatory, Dec. 12, from an examination of the Draper memorial photographs.

—In Georgia, sentiment seems to be growing in favor of the anti-bar-room bill, which proposes to "abolish bar-rooms, to prohibit the manufacture, sale, and keeping for sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, and to provide for its manufacture and sale for other purposes."

—Alaska is our only possession which has no school system of its own. Considerable has been done in a private missionary way for the cause of education there, but Commissioner Harris recommends that \$50,000 be appropriated for the coming year, and that a public school system be established.

—London has 14,000 policemen, Paris, 6,000, New York, 3,800. The yearly arrests in New York are 85,000, in Paris, 100,000, in London 150,000. The death-rate in London is 21 per thousand of population, in Paris 28 and in New York 21. The number of deaths in New York City last year were 41,000. in Paris; 67-570, and in London 89,000.

THE moment a man can see that all is vanity he loses his desire to own the earth.